remarkable that it has been able to achieve anything at all (1139). Given "the host of immigrants drifting from the old world," more must be done to preserve its vulnerable but virtuous population; otherwise, it will lose its identity, "the rugged qualities which have characterised our people in the past" (1139). Yes, he conceeds, grotequely adapting Kipling's infamous metaphor, "Canada must ... pump in the population," but "it is necessary to put the suction pipe in waters not polluted by defect, physical degeneracy, and social failure" (1139). Canada's greatest hope is not now from Europe, but from "the importation of good Nordic types from the United States" (1139).

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Park, Workman, Daniel Clark, and C.K. Clarke -- create among themselves a new kind of "hieratic" authority at once highly textual and, at least ostensibly, referential. This volatile and indeed almost paradoxical combination can probably only be accounted for with reference to the silenced -- or unheeded -- mad. The elements of this authority ultimately prove incompatible. The "references" are always unpredictable. They do not support the texts in anticipated ways, and the mad themselves too often seem merely incidental to arguments made on their behalf.

Their authority is also peculiarly spacial, bound up with the Asylum building itself, with all its brick and mortar, perennial practical problems of heating, plumbing, and ventilation -- and patients. One of the problems for this authority as it endeavours to remove itself from its physical shell, is its unseemly nakedness as it leaves its carapace behind.

From these texts it is hard not to suppose that "Hogtown" is incurable partly because it is not in the best interest of its doctors to cure it. They invent diseases and make them epidemic; at the same time they allow, to borrow C.K. Clarke's phrase, a "terra incognita" of hardship and mental suffering to flourish, by barely acknowledging its existence, and refusing to learn its language. Despite the realization of Clarke's grand designs, the real